

REMARKS

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed November 1, 2008. In the Action claims 1-3, 7-13, and 20-25 are reported as pending. Claims 11-13 and 20-25 are allowed. Claims 1-3 and 7-10 stand rejected.

Claims 1-3 and 7-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly being directed toward non-statutory subject matter. Specifically, the Office Action asserts on page 2 that claims 1-3 and 7-10 are "drawn to a 'program'" and "as such is non-statutory subject matter." Applicants have amended independent claim 1 and dependent claims 2-3 and 7-10 to further clarify the subject matter that they regard as the invention. As amended, claim 1 is directed toward a computer readable storage medium. The specification at least at page 11, line 10 - page 12, line 10 explains how such media is of a tangible, physical form. Furthermore, claim 1 further describes a structural and functional interrelationship between the storage media and instructions stored thereon, which are accessed and executed by the computer. Thus, the Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 and all of its dependent claims are directed toward statutory subject matter.

In view of these amendments, which were not made in view of any prior art, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 11-13 and 20-25 are allowed and the Applicants thank the Examiner for recognition of the allowable subject matter. Applicants have amended claims 21-25, which depend from claim 1, to reflect the amendments made to claim 1.

In view of the amendments and remarks provided in this paper, Applicants believe that the pending claims are directed at

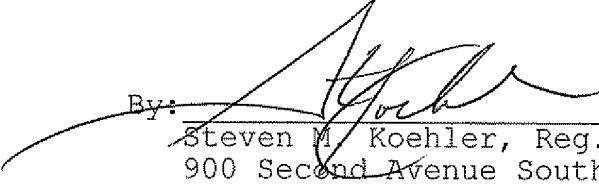
patentable subject matter and are allowable as written. A Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Applicants hereby request an extension of time to respond to the Office Action. A charge authorization for the extension of time fee is enclosed.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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